

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**January 9, 2006 MINUTES**

On Monday, January 9, 2006, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order in the Yellowstone Conference Center, Huntley Lodge, Big Sky, Montana, at 10:00 AM with Commissioners Ted Coffman, David Schulz and Frank Nelson present.

David Schulz moved to approve the January 3, 2006, minutes as corrected. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Randy Cambridge, Peggy Kaatz, Linda Robertson, Vicki Tilstra, Kim Downey, Shelly Burke, Karen Brown, Judi Osborn, Bob Zenker, Doris Fischer, Marilee Tucker, Dan McCauley, Jeremiah Theys and those on the attached list.

**Conservation Board Resignation:** David Schulz moved to accept the resignation of George Monson from the Madison Conservation District Board and to advertise to fill the position. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Public Discussion:** Those people on the attached list were present for this portion of the meeting. Taylor Middleton, Big Sky Resort, expressed appreciation to the Board for coming to Big Sky and discussed Big Sky issues including snow fall, skier volume, service demands due to increased volume and the need to meet these demands. Taylor stressed that Big Sky is growing fast and that it will take money, foresight and planning to stay ahead of the growth. Other topics discussed during this portion of the meeting were affordable employee housing, working towards a high school in Big Sky, new ski terrain, Interlocal service agreements, and snow removal contracts.

**Hearing on Petition of Detraction:** At 10:30 AM, Chairman Coffman opened the public hearing regarding a Petition of Detraction to remove certain lands from Gallatin Canyon Consolidated Rural Fire District. Fire protection for the detracted property would be provided by the Yellowstone Club if the petition is approved. Chairman Coffman had a question regarding other property within the Yellowstone Club boundaries which is also in the Gallatin Canyon Consolidated Fire District but not included on the petition. Bob Sumpter of Yellowstone Club explained that the property in question is not included in the detraction petition because, although it is a part of Yellowstone Club, it has been sold and is under separate private ownership. Bob Sumpter spoke in favor of the detraction. No one at the hearing spoke against it. Having heard from people and at this time being the best way to provide fire protection to the property in question, Frank Nelson moved to approve the Detraction, removing the lands owned by Big Sky Ridge, LLC, as shown on Exhibit A of the Petition for Detraction, dated December 27, 2005, from the Gallatin Canyon Consolidated Rural Fire District. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

The Board traveled back to Virginia City for the remainder of the meeting.

**Audit Exit:** Kim Downey, Denning, Downey and Associates, met with the Board to review the findings from the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2005 County audit. Randy Cambridge, Ruby Valley Hospital and Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center Joint Administrator, Peggy Kaatz, Clerk and Recorder, Linda Robertson and Vicki Tilstra, Bookkeeping, and Shelly Burke, Treasurer, were also present for this portion of the meeting. After discussion regarding the findings and implementation of the audit, Frank Nelson moved to accept the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Draft Audit Report. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Superintendent of Schools Contract:** Shelly Burke, Treasurer, Judy Osborn, Superintendent of Schools, Bob Zenker, County Attorney, and Vicki Tilstra, Bookkeeping, were present for this portion of the meeting. Because of legislative changes in qualifications required for contract labor status, the Treasurer and County Attorney recommended to the Board that the position of Superintendent of Schools be designated as employee rather than contract labor. David Schulz moved to advertise for a part time Superintendent of Schools with a salary of \$546.00 per month and benefits. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Copy Machine:** Doris Fisher and Marilee Tucker, Planning, and Karen Brown, GIS/IT, met with the Board to discuss the selection of a copy machine for the new office they will be occupying.

**Proposed Amendment to DEQ Rule on Hard Rock Mining:** David Schulz moved to send a letter to Joe Russell, Montana Board of Environmental Review, opposing the proposed Amendment to Administrative Rule 17.24.116(6) regarding reclamation plans for hard rock mines. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

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**TSEP Bridges:** Dan McCauley and Jeremiah Theys, Great West Engineering, met with the Board to discuss future TSEP bridge replacements, TSEP deadlines, and any bridges that might qualify for FEMA funding. Dan and the Board also discussed the pre-proposal meeting for Architectural Services for Courthouse Expansion.

**Claims:** The Board approved claims.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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C. Ted Coffman, Chairman  
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: January 17, 2006  
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Peggy Kaatz, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County